THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The total number of persons recruited in Government service at various levels through the UPSC and the Staff Selection Commission, which are the major recruiting organisations of the Central Government, during the year 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are given below:

Year	UPSC	SSC	Total
1988-89	6863	18282	25145
1989-90	6457	17586	24043
1990-91	7432	16993	24425

Information relating to the number of candidates selected by other recruiting organisations and invididual Ministries/ Departments/Offices is not centrally maintained.

(b) The number of Government servants has not decreased over the years.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

(f) Rationalisation of expenditure on Government establishment is a continuous exercise which *inter alia* includes sanction of staff only on the basis of established norms, reduction of staff to effect economy and review of activities of various Ministries/ Departments which a view to avoiding overlapping of functions, etc.

Ban on External and Internal Loans

3203. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to impose ban on external and internal loans for a period of five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The loans raised from external and internal sources are utilised for financing expenditure on developmental purposes, and hence these loans cannot be completely stopped. However, while deciding on fresh borrowing, both externally and internally, the need for keeping the debt burden within prudent limits is kept in view, so that the debt servicing liability does not exceed the capacity of the economy to service the loans.

Increase in the Number of Income-tax Payers

3204. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any annual growth in the number of income-tax payers in the country upto 31st March, 1992-, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the past three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The numsber of new assessees added in various charges of Chief Commissioners of Income-tax are indicated in the statement enclosed.

Statement

S. No.	FINANCIAL YEAR	CCIT REGION	No. OF NEW ASSESSEES ADDED
	1.4.89 to 31.3.90		
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1.		CCIT, Delhi	34,494
2.		CCIT, Kanpur	29,998
3.		CCIT, Lucknow	19,077
4.		CCIT, Patiala	34,481
5.		CCIT, Patna	23,877
6.		CCIT, Bangalore	35,919
7.		CCIT, Cochin	17,989
8.		CCIT, Hyderabad	15,633
9.		CCIT, Madras	39,059
10.		CCIT, Calcutta	58,893
11.		CCIT, Ahmedabad	45,620
12.		CCIT, Bhopal	14,997
13.		CCIT, Jaipur	9,942
14.		CCIT, Pune	29,290
15.		CCIT, Bombay	58,442
		TOTAL	4,67,711
	1.4.90 to 31.3.91		
1.		CCIT, Delhi	42,527
2.		CCIT, Kanpur	16,250
3.		CCIT, Lucknow	19,211
4.		CCIT, Patiala	30,301
5.		CCIT, Patna	59,383
6.		CCIT, Bangalore	34,505
7.		CCIT, Cochin	16,972
8.		CCIT, Hyderabad	23,236
9.		CCIT, Madras	56,745
10.		CCIT, Calcutta	54,842
11.		CCIT, Ahmedabad	36,796
12.		CCIT, Bhopal	23,798
13.		CCIT, Jaipur	15,822
14.		CCIT, Pune	26,954
15.		CCIT, Bombay	65,710
		TOTAL	5,23,052
	1.4.91 to 31.3.92		
1.		CCIT, Delhi	36,686
2.		CCIT, Kanpur	30,221
3.		CCIT, Lucknow	18,104
4.		CCIT, Patiala	32,607

S. No.	FINANCIAL YEAR 1.4.89 to 31.3.90	CCIT REGION	No. OF NEW ASSESSEES ADDED
6.		CCIT, Bangalore	34,849
7.		CCIT, Cochin	10,429
8.		CCIT, Hyderabad	23,389
9.		CCIT, Madras	52,450
10.		CCIT, Calcutta	33,614
11.		CCIT, Ahmedabad	41,418
12.		CCIT, Bhopal	17,271
13.		CCIT, Jaipur	23,726
14.		CCIT, Pune	34,452
15.		CCIT, Bombay	60,703
		TOTAL	4,75,487

Income Tax Raids

3205. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE:
SHRI GOPAL SINH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to UnStarred Question 1260 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st December, 1992 and state whether Government propose to delegate more powers to income-tax Department for speedy and stern action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): The Government's intention in this regard will be reflected in the Finance Bill, 1993.

Functioning of Economic Intelligence Bureau

3206. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main functions of the Economic Intelligence Bureau of his Ministry;

(b) the expenditure incurred on it during the last three years;

(c) the number of officers in each rank employed in the Bureau;

(d) what are the details of the track record of these officials; and

(c) what is the extent to which the Bureau has achieved the object for which it was created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The main functions of the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau are: collection of intelligence and information regarding aspects of black money which require close watch and investigation; keeping watch on different aspects of economic offences and emergence of new types; preparation and maintenance of dossiers on organised gangs carrying on smuggling operations and other economic offences, as also on individuals operating on a large scale; to act as nodal agency for co-operation and co-ordination at international level with other agencies in the area of economic offences.

(b) The expenditure incurred during the last three years is as under:

Financial Year	Annual Expenditure (In Rs. Lakhs)
1989-90	67.72
1990-91	74.91
1991-92	75.35

(c) 100 officials (17 in Group 'A'; 20 in Group 'B'; 38 in Group 'C and 25 in Group 'D') are employed in the Bureau.

(d) The officials are appointed according to the relevant rules and perform their respective functions.

(e) The Bureau has engaged itself in collection of intelligence, co-ordinating the activities of other enforcement agencies and preparation of investigative